

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PORT AUTHORITY WORKING GROUP
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Fort Trumbull State Park, Conference Room
90 Walbach Street, New London, Connecticut**

Attendance: Commissioner James Redeker (Co-Chair), Commissioner Catherine Smith (Co-Chair), Kevin J. Cavanagh, Orest (Tom) Dubno, Pamela Elkow, Garrett Eucalitto, William Gash, John S. Johnson, Stan Mickus, David E. Pohorylo, Joseph Riccio, Sarah Sanders, Thomas Santa, Tony Sheriden, Geoffrey Steadman, Parker S. Wise

Guests: Charles Beck, Tammy Daugherty, Kevin Dillon, Ned Hammond, Karla Lindquist, Tim Sullivan, Joe Salvatore

Meeting commenced at 3:03 PM.

- 1.) Welcome by Commissioner Redeker
- 2.) Introductions
- 3.) Presentation by Kevin Dillon, Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority
 - a. Not all Connecticut airports are operated by CAA, but are under “regulatory authority”
 - b. Connecticut Airport Authority’s management of the five general aviation airports us currently operating at a deficit supported by annual legislative appropriation
 - c. Bonding indentures and FAA regulations as well as agreements with airlines present funding challenges in cross-funding operations
 - d. When CAA came into being, hundreds of transfers had to be orchestrated including airline contracts, land parcels, collective bargaining agreements etc.
 - e. Special legislation was passed to indemnify the CAA against environmental liability
 - f. CAA does in-house marketing and PR, sometimes contracts for creative
 - g. CAA also maintains a small grant-in-aid program
 - h. Overview of Airport Development Zones, a key economic development tool supporting aviation-related job creation
- 4.) Overview of Port Comparison by Karla Lindquist, Policy Fellow, DECD
 - a. Correction to handout: Maine ports total Annual Metric Tonnage is more than 2 million
- 5.) Commissioner Redeker:
 - a. State Pier: “Master Plan” is an unfunded overview of a plan to maximize the value of existing infrastructure and add new capabilities over time
 - b. Dredging program is based on federal funding
 - c. Current state Administration has been funding more dredging with state bond funds than previous administrations
 - d. Some dredging covered by state, some from public-private partnership
- 6.) DECD economist to update previous economic impact assessment
- 7.) Subgroup Review and Formation by Tim Sullivan, Director of Waterfront, Brownfield, and Transit-Oriented Development, DECD

- a. Two initial subgroups: Structure/Governance and Geography/Responsibilities
 - i. Governance: Catherine Smith, Kevin Cavanagh, Parker Wise, Garrett Eucalitto, Tony Sheridan, Joe Riccio, Bill Gash, Tom Dubno, Sarah Sanders
 - ii. Geography/Responsibilities: John Johnson, David Pohorylo, Bill Gash, Geoff Steadman, Thomas Santa, Stan Mickus, Brian Thompson, Pam Elkow
- b. Each subgroup will meet/conference call before next PAWG meeting and report back at the next PAWG meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, December 1, 2014 (10am-1130am) – New Haven (specific location TBA)